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SUBJECT:US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON LEATHER

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1. CONSULTATIONS MENTIONED REFTEL WILL BEGIN AT 10 A.M.
TUESDAY, MAY 30, IN ROOM 730 OF OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE. SHIRLEY COFFIELD OF STR WILL HEAD U.S.
SIDE, SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCE, LABOR, STATE,
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TREASURY, AND INTERIOR DEPARTMENTS. JAPANESE WILL RECEIVE
LIST OF NAMES AND TITLES OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT START
OF CONSULTATIONS. U.S. SIDE WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETERS.
U.S. WILL BE PREPARED TO CARRY TALKS OVER UNTIL MAY 31 IF
THAT APPEARS USEFUL.

2. STR HAS STRESSED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES

THAT CONSULTATIONS MUST INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF INCREASING U.S. ACCESS TO JAPANESE MARKET FOR LEATHER. AT FIRST, JAPANESE RESISTED THIS, BUT WE NOW BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THEIR AGREEMENT. U.S. SIDE IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS "TECHNICAL" MATTERS AND HEAR JAPANESE OUT ON THE STRUCTURE AND PROBLEMS OF THE JAPANESE TANNING INDUSTRY, BUT THIS CANNOT BE THE TOTALITY OF THE CONSULTATION.

3. U.S. HAS INFORMALLY PROPOSED AN AGENDA ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO JAPANESE EMBASSY, BUT WE REQUEST THAT YOU REVIEW IT WITH APPROPRIATE MITI OFFICIALS IF POSSIBLE.

A) U.S. STATEMENT: WELCOME
SITUATION OF U.S. TANNING INDUSTRY.

B) JAPANESE STATEMENT: SITUATION IN JAPANESE INDUSTRY.
(IF, AS WE SUSPECT, JAPANESE PROVIDE EXPOSITION ON BURAKUMEN PROBLEM, U.S. SIDE WILL DESCRIBE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN U.S. INDUSTRY, WITH STRESS ON MINORITY AND IMMIGRANT WORKERS.)

C) DESCRIPTION OF JAPANESE SYSTEM;
IDENTIFICATION OF TRADE BARRIERS.

D) SUGGESTIONS BY U.S. TANNERS THAT LIBERALIZATION MIGHT BEGIN WITH THOSE PRODUCTS WHERE IMPORTS APPEAR LEAST LIKE-
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LY TO DAMAGE JAPANESE INDUSTRY.

E) MEASURES GOJ MIGHT CONSIDER TO INCREASE U.S. ACCESS TO JAPAN'S LEATHER MARKET.

F) FOLLOW-UP WORK.

4. WASHINGTON WOULD ALSO LIKE LIST OF JAPANESE DELEGATES IF EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN IT.

5. USG PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON MAKING PROGRESS IN THIS CONSULTATION. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THIS TO MITI AND OTHER OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE, AND MAY PASS ALONG INFORMATION IN PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE IN SUPPORT OF THIS POINT. CHRISTOPHER

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